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IN RE APPLICATION OF: CHIA-LI CHEN ET AL

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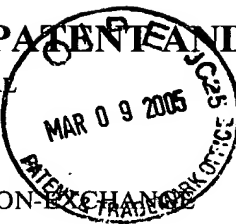
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FOR: MULTIFACTORIAL TRANSMISSION-EXCHANGE
DEVICE FOR STORING MEDIA

GROUP ART UNIT: 2182

EXAMINER: J. Knapp

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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

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This paper is a supplemental amendment to the amendments to claims January 18, 2005.

The applicant respectfully hopes to bring to the attention of the Examiner that EP1152428A2 cited in the first Official Action actually is the same (corresponding) as the application in U.S.A., which was matured to U.S. patent No. 6658202, and which was cited in the final Official Action.

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Supplemental amendments are on page 2.

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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

The applicant respectfully hopes that the publication dates of the two references 6,658,202 and 6,654,843 are later than the filing date of our patent application; that is, before our application was filed, the two referenced cases 6,658,202 and 6,654,843 had not yet been published. Thereby, it is unsuitable to think that the content of the present application has been in a publication. As to the "non-obvious subject matter" required by the article 35U.S.C.103(a), it indicates techniques and knowledge publicly used against an application of an invention sought to be patented; while the content of an application not published before the filing date of a subsequent application is unable to be known publicly or by the latter inventor or application, the latter inventor is unable to know that his invention falls into the scope of obviousness. At the time the present application is filed, in fact, the cited references have not yet been published, thereby the inventor was not aware of the fact that his invention fell into the scope of the prior art. Accordingly, the present application shall not be considered as contradict the article 35U.S.C.103(a).

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